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Proposed Information Collection (Statement of Dependency of Parent(s)) Activity:

Comment Request

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs

ACTION: Notice

SUMMARY: The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the Federal Register concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of a currently approved collection and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on the information needed to establish a claimant's parents' dependency.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before [Insert date 60 days after date of publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at www.Regulations.gov or to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20M35), Department of Veterans Affairs,

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810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail nancy.kessinger@va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0089" in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through the FDMS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 632-8924 or Fax (202) 632-8925.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3501 – 3521), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. This request for comment is being made pursuant to Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

With respect to the following collection of information, VBA invites comments on: (1) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VBA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VBA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

Title: Statement of Dependency of Parent(s), VA Form 21-509.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0089.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Veterans receiving compensation benefits based on 30 percent or higher for

service-connected injuries and depends on his or her parent(s) for support complete VA

Form 21-509 to report income and dependency information. Surviving parents of

deceased veterans are required to establish dependency only if they are seeking death

compensation. Death compensation is payable when a veteran died on active duty or

due to service-connected disabilities prior to January 1, 1957, or died between May 1,

1957 and January 1, 1972 while the veteran's waiver of U.S. Government Life

Insurance was in effect. The data collected will be used to determine the dependent

parent(s) eligibility for benefits.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 4,000 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 30 minutes.

Frequency of Response: One-time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 8,000.

DATED: June 13, 2013

By direction of the Secretary:

Crystal Rennie, VA Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

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